

REMARKS

1. Claims 10, 11 and 19 were objected to by the Examiner. Claims 10, 11 and 19 have been amended to address the Examiner's objections; therefore, Applicants respectfully request the objections be withdrawn.

2. Claims 1-3, 10-11, 19, 21-22, and 29-30 have been amended based on page 6, lines 29-34; page 14, lines 11-23; page 15, Table 2; page 21, line 15 – page 22, line 23; Claims 2-3 and 21-22; Example III; and Figure 5 of the application text as filed. In light of the amendments to claims 1 and 19, claims 5-7, 20 and 24-26 have been canceled. New claims 37-43 have also been added based on the above.

3. Claims 1-11, 13, 19-30, and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saito (US 4511671) (hereinafter "Saito"). Alternatively, claims 1-11, 13, 14, 19-30, 32, and 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saito (US 4511671) as evidenced by Murphy (US 4358623) (hereinafter "Murphy").

Based on the declaration submitted herewith, claims 1 and 19 are non-obvious over Saito, or alternatively over Saito as evidenced by Murphy. The remaining claims depend from claims 1 or 19; therefore, they are also non-obvious over Saito or alternatively over Saito as evidenced by Murphy. Applicants respectfully request the rejection be withdrawn.

3. Claims 12, 14, 31, and 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saito (US 4511671) in view of Tamura (US 4645754) (hereinafter "Tamura"). Alternatively, claims 1-11, 13, 14, 19-30, 32, and 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saito (US 4511671) in view of Tamura (US 4645754), as evidenced by Murphy (US 4358623).

Based on the declaration submitted herewith, claims 1 and 19 are non-obvious over Saito in view of Tamura, or alternatively over Saito in view of Tamura as evidenced by Murphy. The remaining claims depend from claims 1 or 19; therefore, they are also non-obvious over Saito in view of Tamura, or alternatively over Saito in view of Tamura as evidenced by Murphy. Applicants respectfully request the rejection be withdrawn.

Allowance of the claims of the present application is respectfully requested. Should any fee be due in connection with the filing of this document, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to deduct said fee from Shell Oil Company, Deposit

Account No. 19-1800. If the Examiner would like to discuss this case with Applicant's attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact Lisa Holthus at the phone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL M. McALLISTER ET AL

By

/Lisa K. Holthus/

Attorney, Lisa K. Holthus

Registration No. 60,082

(713) 241-5192

P.O. Box 2463
Houston, Texas 77252-2463